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## REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

### AUTHOR BROWBEATEN

How sound a procedure is it for the House Un-American Activities Committee to summon the author of a book before it and ask him why he didn't put certain things in his book?

That was what the committee did to John Cogley, author of the book on blacklisting in the entertainment industry which involved much research and which was made possible financially by the Fund for the Republic.

When the claim was made that the committee was subpoenaing Cogley to try to force him to "justify his study" and that this constituted "an unprecedented invasion of freedom of thought and expression in the United States," the committee counsel replied:

"You can say anything you want in your book. The purpose of these hearings is to develop the facts, the truth."

### TRIE'S FOR IT

But if an author is dragged before a committee of Congress and cross-examined as though he were a criminal, if that isn't a Government agency interfering with freedom of expression and publishing, just what is it?

Cogley, the author of the book, was justified in his sarcastic statement to the committee counsel:

"I wrote the book the way I did. I did not know how you wanted me to write the book."

Oakland Tribune, which naturally thinks the operations of the Congressional committee are beyond reproach, is, of course, a hundred per cent for the investigation of the Fund for the Republic which was involved in the hectoring of the book's author.

The Trib said editorially July 17 that "chief objection to the Fund has been in its investigating those who investigate Communism."

### OF COURSE!

Again, it is only natural that the Trib should strongly object to "investigating those who investigate Communism." For the old Trib's distinguished Senator, Kuchel, voted AGAINST censuring McCarthy of Wisconsin for his disgraceful "investigations" of Communism.

The Congress has a right to investigate the operations of the Fund for the Republic, or any other foundation receiving tax exemptions of any sort. So far, however, the investigations made by Congress of various foundations have been marked by arrogances, stupidities and intolerances on the part of certain members of Congress which make us regret that tax money has to be spent supporting such yahoos.

When an author of a book is insulted publicly for this or that which he did or didn't put in his book, and when it is implied that there's something wrong about investigating the investigators, we're getting un-American, indeed.

## Miami Beach Has Another Contract

The contract of the tenth ocean front hotel, the Sea Gull, with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 255, extends until December 1, 1960, and provides for a wage boost to all 130 employees.

It also provides job security and seniority, grievance procedure, arbitration of disputes, an eight-hour, six-day week, paid holidays, paid vacations and overtime pay.

The dispute with the hotel in Miami began April 13, 1955, when only one hotel, the Delano, was under contract.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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## Some Package!



## Hod Carriers Signing Many; Carpenters Win Their Strike

Since last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal, all the big holdout associations of employers caved in and signed the agreement with the Bay District Council of Carpenters, the terms of which were reported in last week's issue, but had then been signed by only three of the associations.

The strike of Hod Carriers 166 continued, and at the office of Business Representative Abel Silva it was stated that more independents were signing, and even some of the association members, but that negotiations with the association were still stalemated.

Following are some items from the last meeting of the Building Trades Council:

### BAR REMODELING

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers reported that a picket had been placed on a job at 5317 1/2 Shattuck avenue for the Hodcarriers and Bricklayers, and that the matter had soon been settled.

### ACTIVE CONCRETE CO.

On complaint of the Cement Masons, said Childers, a picket was placed on a job of the Active Concrete Co., and that after much back and forth seasawing with a deputy district attorney who was the company's lawyer, the matter had finally been adjusted.

### WATTS TILE CO.

Childers said a picket had been placed on complaint of Plumbers 444 at a Watts Tile Co. job, and adjustment finally made.

### SCHOOL PAYMENTS

It was announced that District Attorney Parker, who had agreed to reconsider his previous opinion that it would not be legal for Oakland Board of Education to pay fringe payments now in some unions' contract, had, on reconsideration, given the same opinion as before. Joseph Smith, attorney, was to take up the matter with Parker.

### CHURCH WORK

The Rev. Sylvester Odom had appeared at the meeting of the Board of Business Agents, and after hearing an explanation of BTC policy on church work, said that all the work would be done with prevailing wages paid for all crafts.

### BOYS TOWN

Father Flanagan of Boys Town thanked the council for its contribution.

### BTC CONTRACTS

It was announced that BTC contracts had been signed by Watts Tile-C. C. Cabinets Inc., and by Modern Outdoor Living Co.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees' quarterly report, turned in by Chairman Abel Silva, showed finances in good shape.

### COUNSEL IN STRIKES

On motion of Abel Silva, Hod Carriers 166, it was voted to engage Charles P. Scully as coun-

## Sheet Metal 216 New Wage Scale; Officers Chosen

Effective July 1, 1956, wage scale for journeymen sheet metal workers became \$3.30 per hour and for apprentices a graduated wage scale starting at \$12.00 per day. Recording Secretary Donald R. Kennedy of Local 216 announced.

A welfare plan established on October 1, 1950, embracing all Sheet Metal Workers' locals in Northern California, operates on a 7 1/2-cent contribution by employers for all hours worked. The administration office of the welfare plan is in Oakland.

A vacation plan now in effect provides for 4 per cent of gross wages earned per contract year. This vacation plan includes both journeymen and apprentices. Full time employees will accumulate approximately two weeks vacation.

Officers of Local 216 are elected for a three-year term. Last election was in June, 1955. Officers of the local for the present time are:

President, George W. Grosser. Vice President, William E. Haake.

Recording Secretary, Donald R. Kennedy.

Treasurer, George A. Germain.

Executive board members, Elias L. Arellano, Robert M. Cooper, Ben Finkelstein, William F. Jackson, Warren J. Payne.

Trustees, Claude E. Armitage, Sydney Amess, William Nickals. Conductor, Lester Krenz.

Warden, John Louis Johnson. Delegates to Central Labor Council, Stanford L. Davis, William Maddox.

Business Representatives, Lloyd Child, Joseph F. Pruss, Robert E. Quinn.

## School Employees Get Pay Increase

A \$12-per-month across-the-board salary increase as negotiated by Lyman Penning, business representative; Fred Venturi, president, and the salary committee was unanimously approved at the last regular meeting of Alameda County School Employees 257.

The period of 12 months service was also reduced to six months for the first salary increase for probationary assistant custodians.

Golden Gate, Hoover, McChesney and Woodrow Wilson Jr. high schools were reclassified upward with corresponding salary increases.

The above increases are all in addition to the automatic \$10-per-month salary increases.

Credit is given Lyman Penning for the capable and expert manner in which he conducted the negotiations. Roger Trump was salary committee chairman, says Secretary Joe Falls.

## Elaine Alameida Is Elected Head Of Women's COPE

Elaine Alameida of the Glass Bottle Blowers has been elected chairman of the Alameda County Women's Division, AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE).

Marilyn Anglin, Office Employees 29, was elected vice chairman.

Elizabeth Mackin, Food Clerks 870, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Working under a plan for the structure of the organization proposed by Marge Franz, Office Employees 29, four standing committees were set up: Organizing, Office Management, Education and Publicity, Registration and Voting.

Mrs. Charles Garoni as chairman of the Organizing Committee will direct the work of getting in touch with local unions, advising them of the purposes of the Women's COPE, urging them to designate five women members, auxiliary members, wives, sisters, etc., to join the new organization; also will request local union membership lists from all unions so that lists can be checked and precincts against the Alameda county registration roster.

Marilyn Anglin, as chairman of the Office Management Committee, will establish an office, secure space, equipment, supplies, county precinct registration lists, directory of streets and maps; will seek volunteer manpower for the office and organize and supervise the big clerical job of setting up master union registration files.

Elizabeth Hendrickson, as chairman of the Education and Publicity Committee, will supervise the arranging of educational programs for membership meetings, get publicity into union papers, etc., and consider other methods of reaching union women and union families, such as speakers before union meetings, etc.

Marge Franz, as chairman of the Registration and Voting Committee, will direct the first job of planning how to get the maximum number of union people registered before the books close September 1. It has been proposed to see to it that deputy registrars are stationed in union hiring halls, offices, at dues collection windows, union meetings, etc. Elaine Patrick, a member of this committee, will arrange for a deputy registrar to spend all day in the Labor Temple until 8:30 p.m. daily. The committee intends to launch one pilot operation with deputy registrars in plants, with shop stewards, etc. After the registration job is completed, a get-out-the-vote campaign will be planned.

The new organization will ask the Central Labor Council and the Alameda County Voters League-AFL for financial assistance.

CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx complimented Marge Franz, who was temporary chairman during the formative period, and who proposed the structure of the permanent organization. Groulx said that she had shown great organizing ability.

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## Labor Journal Is Quoted By S. F. News in Exposing Butler

L. E. Butler, who has been a thorn in the side of business men and legitimate labor papers for some time, got a dressing down of considerable proportions in the San Francisco News of July 18. In a signed article on the first page Bob Sturla proceeded to unroll Butler's record, and as part of the story cited East Bay Labor Journal's experiences with Butler.

On May 21 the News had carried a story by Sturla telling of one of Butler's latest ventures, the so-called Commonwealth University, located in a suite of rooms, says Sturla, above a drugstore at 5430 Geary boulevard in San Francisco.

Sturla's account of the kind of thing Commonwealth University seemed to be, handing out Bachelor of Arts degrees for \$300 cash, a Master of Arts degree for \$385 cash, and a Ph. D. for \$425, aroused the wrath of Butler. So Butler sent attorneys to complain that the story Sturla had written May 21 "was not very complimentary." To this Sturla's reply in the July 18 story is that "it wasn't meant to be" complimentary.

Sturla follows up this statement with a very detailed account of Butler's record, accompanying it, still on the first page of the News, with a front-face and profile picture of a certain familiar type, carrying this caption:

"Ex-Faculty Member—This is an old picture of 'Dr.' Lester Butler, late of the Commonwealth University faculty. It was taken when he was in San Quentin in the 1930's serving time for robbery."

It seems that "Dr." Butler has now announced his resignation from the faculty of the so-called Commonwealth University, so that is why he is referred to as "Ex-Faculty Member."

After stating that Butler also served "in 1928 . . . one year in the Fresno county jail for grand theft," and that "at the time of his arrest he was being sought by the Navy as a deserter," Sturla proceeds to state that "one of Butler's occupations is solicitations." He proceeds:

"Under the letterhead of the 'California Union Labor Journal' Butler has sent out to business firms what appears to be an ordinary invoice for advertising. 'Sandwiched in with a sheet of the bills that business men get all the time, Butler's 'invoice' could well be honored by the busy victim.

"It is only later, when going over his expenses in a less hurried manner, that the business man may discover the fine print at the bottom of the 'invoice.' It says: 'This is a Solicitation, Not a Bill.'"

To show exactly what Sturla is talking about, the News prints a facsimile of this document, showing the fine print at the bottom, as it was sent to the E. Morgan Hardware Co., in Martinez.

Sturla proceeds:

"The respectable East Bay Labor Journal in an article December 30, 1955, detailed the experiences of its advertising manager, W. B. Mullin, when he tried to order a copy of Butler's special 'Labor Day Edition,' for which Butler had been conducting an advertising sales campaign.

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## Culinary Strike Dispute is Heard In Superior Court

The strike of three unions in the northern end of Alameda county against restaurants and taverns continued to be held up at the time East Bay Labor Journal went to press by court proceedings.

The employers in Superior Court were presenting their testimony and arguments for making permanent a temporary injunction against the strike. They contend that proper notice was not given under the 5-year contract for reopening of negotiations on wages.

The unions involved are Cooks 228, Culinary Alliance 31, and Bartenders 52. They are affiliated with the Joint Board which has jurisdiction north of 105th Avenue, and of which H. J. Badger of Cooks 228 is secretary-treasurer.

## Southern Voters League Has Report On Eden Hospital

At the meeting of the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL in Hayward July 19 Les Williams gave a report on the unpleasant situation at Eden Township hospital.

The consensus was that organized labor did so much to get the hospital established and now the medicos are pushing labor to one side on the administrative side. Emphasis was placed on the fact that two directors of the hospital must face the voters in November.

Chester Oliviera brought up the need for building swimming pools and urged the signing of petitions to get this on the ballot in November.

Wayne Hultgren reported on the registration work being done by UAW-CIO through the Alameda County Citizens Voters Registration Committee, and stressed the importance of getting more deputy registrars. Anyone interested can telephone after 4:30 p.m. LUcerne 2-0098 or LUcerne 2-2707.

Secretary Andre LaRoche announced that the IDES hall had been secured for September 29 at 8 p.m. when the annual fund raising whist party will be held.

Chairman Floyd Attaway appointed Leroy Barstow, Chester Oliviera, and Charles Bethel to the Citizens Committee on Eden Township Hospital, and Wayne Hultgren to the Citizens Registration Committee.

Secretary LaRoche that the presence of the ladies and the coffee and cake served added much to the pleasure of the meeting.

## Prices for Labor People Hit Peak

Prices for goods and services bought by wage and salary worker families in San Francisco reached a record high in June, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The composite price index for that month was 0.9 per cent higher than for March, when the market basket was last priced, and 2.3 per cent above the comparable figure for June a year ago.

Partly responsible for the peak of the all-items index of 117.9 were record peaks for individual or service categories: housing, medical care, personal care and other goods and services.

Only one of the major price groups, reading and recreation, was below its March level.

## DO YOU WISH TO BE A DEPUTY REGISTRAR?

County Clerk Jack Blue is having more deputy registrars appointed this year so that the more than 100,000 citizens of Alameda county as yet unregistered can get their names on the books and vote in the crucial November election.

If you're interested in being deputized, call up HI-gate 4-0844, ask for Mrs. Hazel Condy, and make an appointment with her.

SHIPYARD WORKERS got a break in the Bay Area this week when the Navy assigned the job of changing a light cruiser into a missile ship to the Bethlehem-Pacific yard in San Francisco.



## HOW TO BUY

**Prices Up, So Shop Carefully!**

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The cost of living has reached a record level, as this department forecast at the beginning of the year. More price rises are in sight, and moderate-income families will have to buy carefully to maintain their living standards in this present upsurge. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, which had been repeatedly stating we were having a period of "remarkable price stability," has called the jump in prices "unexpectedly" large. What's really remarkable is that this Government agency with all its resources did not notice the pressures obviously building up to a new boost in living costs, especially since some of the causes of the jump were made right in Washington.

August is the month of cut-price sales on furniture, floor coverings and furs. The furniture and rug sales are especially worthy of attention because of recent price increases on these items, and because another price hike on rugs of 3 per cent is scheduled for fall as the result of recent increases by manufacturers.

The 1957 cars also are expected to go up \$20-\$30, according to automotive reporters. If the increase does materialize, the National Automobile Dealers Association says it fears dealers may have to absorb it making it even more difficult for moderate-income families to afford new cars next year. The present prospect is that the 1957 Chevrolet will be much the same as this year's car, which has been the country's leading seller, while Ford and Plymouth will be more drastically changed for '57.

The real threat to living standards, more especially for renters and would-be home buyers, is the steady increase in rents, the sharp jump in the price of homes and the rise in interest rates on mortgages. In the past year the price of new houses jumped \$1500, the National Association of Home Builders reports. The typical price tag on a house rose from \$13,000 to \$14,500. The two chief reasons for this drastic jump were the soaring price of building lots and the tendency of builders to concentrate on higher-priced homes. The NAHB estimates that this year there will be a 40 per cent drop in the number of homes built to sell for between \$10,000 and \$12,500, and a 30 per cent cut in the number tagged under \$10,000, which is the most the average wage-earner can afford to carry.

To find a home he can af-

ford, a wage-earner now will have to look further and further from the large population centers. Builders report that land prices have gone up an average of 17 per cent in the past year, and the cost of a lot now represents, on the average, 18 per cent of the price of the home, compared to 15 per cent a year ago, and 10 per cent six years ago.

### Home Furnishings

#### Ring Sets Tone

The wife of the national chairman of the board of the American Institute of Decorators, Mrs. C. Eugene Stephenson, wears an unusual engagement ring. A large turquoise surrounded by two circles of diamonds and sapphires, it combines her birthstone and that of her husband, and the stone of the month they were married.

But more than a ring, it is a color scheme for the Stephenson's new studio apartment, New York City.

There the couple have put to work their mutual love of blue. Blue is used in various accessories—glass lamp bases, fabric on chairs, mats on pictures and a large leather screen from floor to ceiling.

"Blue is being used in a new way today," said the well-known decorator. "It is a sharper, brighter blue, without any green or red in it. In this room we have a white wall shell—floor, ceiling and walls—and I've projected one tone of blue in all accessories and fabrics. It is the perfect foil for the warm woods of the antiques."

And the ring that inspired all this? "I got it on my tenth anniversary," says Mrs. Stephenson with a smile. "We were married during the war and we spent the engagement ring money on a honeymoon trip."

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## Women in This World

By **EDITH McCONN**

IF YOU are getting a little cynical about the human race and a bit fed up with the money-mindedness that seems to engulf us, it might warm up your heart a bit to visit a certain vegetable garden kept by a woman down in the farther suburbs.

Here money changes hands, to be sure, but it seems an unimportant and negligible item after some unmarked space of time spent in this delightful spot.

A lawn by the house with flowers around it and then through a little gate into a garden so perfectly kept that you can scarcely believe that some magic is not employed.

Long rows of beans on poles, corn in tassels, beets, parsley, tomatoes and other succulent items in process of development.

Yet human hands have wrought this magic. This woman, with the help of her husband and daughter, has achieved this esthetic as well as practical miracle.

You do not come to this garden to buy vegetables, however. You inspect and admire the vegetables and spots of flowers in odd corners.

Then you go and sit on a bench in the cool lath house with your hostess while her tall, attractive daughter garners your vegetables. Here, while traffic roars by on a nearby thoroughfare, you talk of many quiet, peaceful things.

You deplore the encroachment of the city, you gossip, you discuss the pleasure to be had from this simple art of growing things. You spend more time than you planned to spend.

Your vegetables are wrapped and weighed and paid for. Then you are presented with other vegetables, new ones to try, or a bit of fruit from an overhanging tree.

As you depart with your armful of vitamins and minerals, you feel rested and at peace. This garden, with its warm and friendly gardeners, has somehow captured a bit of Eden and passes it along with corn and beans to its fortunate customers.

**Buyer Beware**

### How You Buy

When it comes to food, what do consumers want? We are all consumers, and we all think we know what we want. Yet few questions in marketing are harder to answer.

It is an important question: practical decisions for farmers rest on its answer.

When homemakers are asked what they want, several points are found in their replies. Some admit that they do not know what they want or why they made the choice they did.

More numerous are those who reply that their choices are mostly on the basis of habit—significant replies because it is apparent that consumers could not survive the complications of the modern market place if they did not have habits to guide them.

If every purchase were based on conscious weighing of alternatives, spending the family income might take even more time and effort than earning it.

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### Child-rearing

#### Little Crises

In the somewhat less than perfect world we live in most children by the age of 9 or 10 have known what it is to feel hate and fear, to have to fend off a bully, to stand up for their own or a little pal's rights, to battle with a conscience. Most of them have known, too, what it's like to feel alone among strangers in strange surroundings, even if only in a new classroom or neighborhood.

On the rare occasions when adults talk at all with youngsters about situations like these it's usually in a logical or a moralistically lecturing vein. But the child's feelings are more involved in these situations than the adult's thoughts. How can his feelings be reached?

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has just published a packet of booklets—"Little Stories on Big Subjects"—especially prepared to help boys and girls explore their feelings about some of the kinds of problems they have faced in their own experience. Through these, specialists in the league's education department hope, youngsters will be helped at least a little to avoid some of the ill-feelings from which prejudice grows, and to develop healthy emotions instead.

### Some Good Food

**Basting**  
Meat or fish grilled out-of-doors over charcoal or wood need to be basted frequently or they will dry out.

The most convenient way to baste is with a paint brush. This slashes a lot of sauce on the food without too much effort.

Never grill over an open flame, wait until the fuel has burned down to form a red-hot bed of embers.

A bulb syringe filled with water should be kept handy to tamp flames when they arise from drippings.

Charcoal or hard woods such as oak, hickory or maple are best for barbecuing because they burn slowly, make a lasting bed of coals.

## To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

"800 PERSONS celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first Federal Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act in Washington recently. This was fine, and we, too, pay tribute to Dr. Harvey H. Wiley, the father of the original laws.

"However, the sad fact is that while these laws have been of great benefit, there is still much to be done in other fields of food protection. Although great progress has been made under the Meat Inspection Act, which protects the consumer when buying meat, such is not the case when purchasing poultry."

THAT QUOTATION is from a statement issued by COPE (AFLCIO Committee for Political Education) which points out that good laws have been proposed to make the inspection of food for American families still more thorough.

The statement concludes with this excellent suggestion:

"Now, here's a good way to check on your Congressman and Senators. We urge you to check their votes. How did they vote on these important measures? Did they support such legislation—or are they the kind who aren't interested in what might seem to them to be an unimportant bill but which, to those of us who have the welfare of our family foremost, is of prime importance?"

## Carpenters Seek Good Apprentices For Their Trade

The quarterly conference of the Northern California Carpenters Apprenticeship Committee was held July 7 at Carpenters' Hall in Oakland.

School and apprentice officials were present, as were over 35 delegates from a score of Northern and Central California Carpenter unions, to hear the important announcement that the State Council has given official recognition to the regional apprentice coordination begun by the north state group and will set up a committee to consider broadening apprentice rules and practices throughout the state.

Apprentice Consultant Gunnar Benonys, a member of Oakland Local 36, told East Bay Labor Journal that the State Council's move gives recognition to the Northern California efforts in this direction over the past two years.

Local school officials who were in attendance were Neil Wright, dean, Oakland Junior College; Frank Adams, assistant superintendent of schools, Oakland, and Thomas Cole, dean, Oakland evening school.

Local Joint Apprenticeship representatives were Al Thomas and C. E. Risley, Business Agents Local 36; Lewis Wilson and V. V. Dart and William Marshall, 1473, JAC members.

Conclusions drawn from the discussions were that the competition for youth is keen, industry is glamorizing its appeal and grabbing off the lion's share. California State Council of Carpenters is determined to boost the ranks of its apprentices with more and better young men.

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## Labor Group Hits Oil Proposition As Slick Scheme

Chales E. Robinson, AFLCIO official in Bakersfield, signing as acting chairman of a State-wide labor committee against No. 4, the "oil conservation" proposition on the November ballot, has joined other groups in filing with Secretary of State Jordan arguments against the measure.

The arguments which will appear on the ballot declare that labor is united against this monopoly measure because our experience proves that it means: 1—unemployment; 2—higher taxes; 3—higher gasoline prices. We urge every citizen to vote no on Proposition 4.

"Proposition No. 4 is the same slick oil control legislation twice defeated by California voters. This time it uses the title 'conservation' as a smoke screen.

"It is financed by eight major international oil companies—Standard Oil, Richfield, Royal Dutch Shell, Ohio, Continental, Texas, Associated and General Petroleum.

"They do not sign their own names to the ballot argument, but hide behind dummy signatures. They have already spent \$5 million to buy this election. Why? As monopolists, they will profit enormously if Proposition 4 passes. It will permit them to shut in California oil production and substitute cheaply produced, imported oil from Middle East concessions.

"This act will make thousands jobless, increase taxes, boost gasoline prices."

## Distressed Areas Called Not Local

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The distressed area problem is no more local than is a flood disaster, Director Al Whitehouse of the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department told the House Banking and Currency Committee considering federal assistance to the nation's economic trouble spots.

"Merely because flood suffering is localized, we do not deny federal aid to flood victims," Whitehouse said. "Nor would we so restrict Red Cross aid. The problem of human want affects all of us and none of us can deny our responsibility."

Whitehouse reminded the committee that the Labor Department still lists 19 major labor market areas and 64 smaller areas as having substantial unemployment of at least 6 percent of the work force. He noted that even in the present period of prosperity there are over 2.8 million unemployed, due "in part to the unsolved problems of the distressed areas."

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## Anti-Editorial Editor Author of Lively Editorial

Dave Selvin, editor of San Francisco Labor, some time ago criticized East Bay Labor Journal's "venerable editor" for sticking to the "grandpappy" tradition of publishing editorials. Editorials aren't necessary and are out of date, he felt.

In the July 20 issue of San Francisco Labor, which is the official publication of the S.F. Labor Council, Selvin publishes a stirring editorial entitled "We Protest." He discusses the series of articles Victor Riesel, the labor columnist, recently published in the San Francisco News—and they appeared in the Oakland Tribune also.

Selvin's editorial says that "the overwhelming burden of Riesel's outpouring left no comfortable room in the labor movement except for either the racketeers and Communists who run the show, the down-trodden membership who humbly pay their dues on which the thugs feast and the poor, whipped employers who are compelled to pay through the nose."

Selvin denounces the San Francisco News and other dailies for running such stuff as Riesel's and for their general attitude toward labor.

"The newspapers are, first of all, sensation-mongers, not newspapers; secondly, they are essentially anti-labor."

"It takes trouble and strife, disputes and tiffs, mixed with generous portions of sex, when available, to make headlines in the daily press. And that attitude is carried over into its coverage of labor ...

"We'd like to see labor's story told with dignity and honesty, with a decent regard for proportion and perspective, for achievement and usefulness."

"But we don't really expect to see it in the daily press."

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES are now buying more than \$40,000,000 worth of Savings Bonds each month on the Payroll Savings Plan.

## If 'Professional' Here Is Top Pay!

The Palo Alto hospital announces that it is making a boost in charges to patients, and the Chronicle reported that "Director Walter Oliver said the rate boost was necessitated by salary increases for registered nurses who are now being paid top scale of \$300 to \$330 a month, and other hospital personnel."

Labor people note that the beginning of this "top scale" at \$300 a month brings the registered nurse, after years of training and study, to about \$1.73 an hour, assuming that she doesn't work more than 40 hours a week. And if she climbs up finally to the \$330 per month, she gets a trifle more than \$1.90 per hour.

Registered nurses are not members of a trade union. They are "professional."

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Pictured is the new Engineering & Construction Building which was recently added to the ever growing number of telephone buildings required to care for the increasing demand for telephone service in the East Bay. The building is located in San Leandro.

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### To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

### Steamfitters 342

This is to advise the membership of Steamfitters Union No. 342 that our next meeting, to be held on Thursday, Aug. 2, 1956, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on the resolution pertaining to financial matters, and election of delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention, to be held in Long Beach.

Fraternally,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Financial Sec'y, Bus. Mgr.

### Special Notice to All Painters in District Council No. 16

Get your dues paid and CARRY your 3rd quarter working card. After August 1, 1956, you are liable to be taken off the job until you have the Current Working Card.

### Notice to All Foremen

ATTENTION ALL FOREMEN: (Shop Foremen and Job Site Foremen or any Member of a Local Union in charge of men.)

Because of the new and complex three year agreement and also the new District Council set-up, which should be explained more fully, there will be a meeting Saturday morning, August 4, 1956, of ALL FOREMEN.

At this meeting you will get the proper interpretation of the Agreement as it will be enforced throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Over the years, some sections of the Agreement have not been enforced. It is the duty of the Foreman, not only to supervise the job itself, but to see to it that the rules and regulations are enforced and the welfare of the men looked after.

By action of the District Council, Job Site Foremen will be held equally responsible for violation of the Agreement by the Journeymen on the job.

Ignorance on your part is no excuse and could result in charges being filed against you. Avoid this embarrassment and attend this meeting.

Remember this date, August 4, 1956, at 10:00 A.M. in Hall "A", in the Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally yours,  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF  
PAINTERS No. 16,  
FLOYD PEASLEE,  
Executive Secretary

### Plasterers 112

There will be a special called meeting August 2 at 8 p.m. in Hall C, Labor Temple, to approve the recommendations of the trustees for finances and expenses for delegates to the State Conference to be held in San Francisco August 3 and 4.

An election will also be held August 2 to elect a delegate to the annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor in Long Beach.

Fraternally yours,  
GEORGE WHITTON,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Millmen 550

Due to heavy demands on our Blood Bank, members of Millmen 550 are urged to make blood contributions as soon as possible. Blood Bank No. 4 assessment is now due. Members who remit this by mail are asked to mail it in.

Fraternally yours,  
E. H. OVENBERG,  
Financial Secretary

### Hayward Painters 1178

A notice to members of another meeting of the local Friday night, August 3, beginning at 8 o'clock p.m. It is surely good to see the increase in attendance shown at the last several meetings.

For your information, there will be some proposed changes within the local as well as outside.

You can get this information first hand by attending the meetings. You can be assured that no changes will be made without a special meeting being called, of which you will be notified by U. S. postal card, and through the columns of East Bay Labor Journal. The next several meetings will be of much interest to us all. See you at the next meeting?

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

### County School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on August 4, at 2:00 p.m. The executive board will meet at 10 a.m.

Fraternally,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

### Carey Says Reds Belong on Right

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — It is a mistake to put the Communists on the political left, they belong on the right "along with all the other reactionaries," according to Pres. James B. Carey of the Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers.

"Look at the record," he explained. "Wherever they could, during the period between Jan. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1955, they have aligned themselves at not with progress, but with reaction."

### Maritime Union's Big Pension Fund

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — Nearly \$6.8 million in benefits was paid out of the Maritime Union Pension and Welfare Fund during the first three years of its operation, according to a cumulative report.

The benefits went to about 29,000 seamen and their families, during the period between Jan. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1955. At the end of the period, cash reserves totaled \$13.7 million.

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### Watch It With Watchmakers

### Watchmakers Get News About Rings

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

You will recall that we have on past occasions written of a Sequoia High School ring problem which we were endeavoring to straighten out. We will attempt to refresh your memory on this matter.

Some of the parents of the children attending Sequoia High School objected to their children having to go into Hilton Jewelers, which is non-union, to obtain their school rings.

We are happy to report that we have just received a letter from Van Wormer & Rodriguez Inc., representatives of Herff-Jones Company of Indianapolis, who manufacture the rings, wherein they advise that any class rings in the future will be handled through a Redwood City union jeweler store.

For the information of the parents of the Sequoia High School children, we wish to state that Herff-Jones Company is 100 per cent union and now that the rings will be distributed through a Redwood City union jeweler, we can say the rings will be 100 per cent union.

The executive board was pleased to receive a picture post card from Norway from William Thomson, recording secretary of the union, who informed us of the grand vacation he was having.

### Printer Auxiliary Meets August 2nd

BY MURIEL PFAFFENBERGER  
Press Correspondent

The next regular meeting of Auxiliary 26 of Typographical 36, and S.F.-Oakland Mailers 18 will be held at the home of President Freda Cripps, 723 Jackson street, Albany 6. Telephone LA ndscape 5-5286. Date Thursday, Aug. 2.

Anyone wishing to buy union-made neckties will be able to get them at our meeting.

Mrs. Cripps is the delegate to the coming convention in Colorado Springs, so come and give her a nice cheer before she leaves.

Our oldest member, Mrs. Minerva Feeney, celebrated another birthday, her 87th, in July. We all wish her many more years of good health and happiness.

### Harry O'Reilly Is New Secretary of AFLCIO Maritime

Harry O'Reilly, administrative assistant to the AFLCIO director of organization, was elected executive secretary of the AFLCIO Maritime Trades Department, says the State Federation Newsletter.

He was elected in a meeting of the department executive board, held in Chicago.

O'Reilly, a veteran labor leader who served as director of organization for the former AFL from 1948 until the merger, took over his new post on July 16, when department headquarters were opened in the AFLCIO building in Washington.

The department represents about 160,000 members of nine international unions operating at sea and along the waterfront. It was chartered by the former AFL in 1946, and has been active since in coordinating the efforts of its affiliates in matters of mutual concern.

Harry Lundberg, vice president of the California State Federation of Labor and head of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, is department president.

**BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES**  
of the California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corporation during periods of unemployment do not render them ineligible to receive state unemployment benefits, ruled Attorney General Edmund G. Brown.

### Dressing Room Chatter

### B-82 Won't Blame It on Linotyper!

By JOE CONNELLY

We had intended to omit the column this week due to lack of news.

However in checking last week's column on retroactive pay we note that we made an error in stating that retroactive pay would probably be due to members, both present and former, as well as others who had worked under our jurisdiction after March 1, 1956.

The important error is that the date should have read MARCH 1, 1955.

The fault was ours, so we won't take the easy way out and blame it on the typesetter. The final union meeting of the month is scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 a.m. Members haven't been contributing material for the column, so we have nothing for the Up and Down the Aisle department this week.

### Brush Makers Win Ousting of Scabs

The 14-day strike of the Paint Makers local in Portland ended with the union not only winning its original demands, but getting the American Brush Company to agree that none of the strikebreakers it had hired would ever be permitted to work at the plant again, says Jack Kopke.

Kopke, as a representative of the Brotherhood, went up to Portland. On his return he said that the strikers won increases of from 13 to 20 cents depending on classification, retroactive to June 1, three weeks vacation after 15 years, and other points.

Kopke said that he and the striking local were very grateful for the cooperation given by sister locals, and by the Teamsters and Warehousemen.

### Political Action On Civil Rights

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Political action is the answer to civil rights problems, Sec. Treas. Al Hartnett of the Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers told 120 delegates to an IUE Civil Rights Conference here.

Hartnett, who is chairman of the union's civil rights committee, in a keynote address cited organizing in the South as one of the main instruments in the fight for justice.

### Foley, Insurance Union, Says He'll 'Keep Reminding'

William J. Foley, Insurance Agents 219, in announcing the terms of the international union's settlement with Prudential, said that during the life of this new three-year contract "I intend to keep after all labor people to get them to ask any insurance agent whether he has a union card, and if they don't have the card not to deal with them."

International President George L. Russ put out from Washington a press release announcing that the contract provides for a total increase of \$6.73, including employee benefits retroactive to July 2, 1956, and also enables a Prudential agent to retire at age 55 and thereafter at an increased and liberalized retirement benefit.

More than 5000 of the agents went to the polls to cast their ballot and by a plurality of a thousand approved the agreement which is now in effect.

"Thus concluded," says Russ, "negotiations which began on January 16, 1956, and with the exception of a recess of three weeks, were in continuous sessions until June 29. The period from March 18 until today witnessed these agents working without a contract, and for a good deal of the time, taking part in the concerted course of action for the purpose of assisting and aiding their negotiating committee."

The contract covers 15,000 Prudential agents in 34 states, the District of Columbia and Toledo, Ohio.

### Millionaire Tax Scheme Rapped

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The AFLCIO sharply assailed a proposed constitutional amendment to shift the tax burden to the poor by limiting the power of Congress to impose income taxes greater than 25 percent.

Testifying before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee, Research Director Stanley H. Rutenberg pointed out that this "millionaires' amendment" is backed by groups and individuals who want "to destroy the progressive income tax structure."

"The principle of taxation according to ability to pay" has become "ingrained in the American system" and is "basic to the American concept of fairness and equality," he declared.

### Exploitation of Alien Laborers

The United States section of the Joint United States-Mexico Trade Union Committee has attacked efforts of California corporate farmers to import Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and other foreign agricultural workers into areas already supplied by Mexican contract labor, says the State Federation Newsletter.

A statement issued from national headquarters of the committee said that West Coast farmers generally are attempting to evade the minimum protective labor provisions for both domestic and foreign labor under the Mexican contract labor program through using loopholes provided by the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and the Refugee Relief Act to "set up new, inferior programs for the importation of foreign farm workers."

Hundreds of Japanese workers have been granted temporary visas under the Refugee Act to work on California farms under substandard conditions, the committee statement said.

The committee charged that the "subjection" of farm workers to the treatment "which is the common lot of farm labor in America" can only defeat "the purposes of brotherly understanding and international goodwill."

### Automation Faces Firemen & Oilers

PHILADELPHIA (AFLCIO) — Looming problems of automation and atomic energy were faced by the 400 delegates to the 25th convention of the Firemen and Oilers.

President Anthony E. Matz told the sessions that the union had made substantial gains in the railroad and commercial branches but must be equipped to meet the challenges atomic energy and automation will bring to the jurisdiction.

"We are seeing now in our boiler rooms the introduction of equipment which, with unbelievable accuracy, controls the multiple operations of boilers and the auxiliary functions. The workload is greatly reduced and the firemen with shovel and slice bar virtually disappeared from the familiar power plant scene."

PHILIP J. DEREDI, Millbrae, official of Elevator Operators and Starters 117 of San Francisco, has been appointed by Governor Knight to the board of trustees, California Institution for Women.

### Government Union Recognition Bill

The Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service has reported out the Johnston bill, that provides for the recognition of organizations of postal and federal employees. This bill, commonly known as the "management-labor relations bill" was reported out of the Committee by a unanimous vote with some relatively minor amendments.

The bill provides that the head of each department or agency shall give representatives of national employee organizations the right to present their views on subjects having to do with safety, in-service training, labor-management, grievances, transfers, appeals, demotions and reductions in force.

Disputes occurring between the employee organization and the department or agency shall be referred to an impartial board of arbitration, composed of one representative of the department or agency, one representative of the employee organization, and one representative appointed by the Secretary of Labor, who shall serve as chairman. The findings of the board of arbitration shall be final and conclusive.

### STEEL PROFITS INCREASE ONLY A TRIFLING 317.2%

If you're worried about the poor old steel companies, here's the first paragraph from a story on the financial page of the New York Times of July 12:

"The Lukens Steel Company, first of the steel producers to issue its semi-annual report, increased its earnings 317.2% above the 1955 level."

Wonder how much Lukens Steel will raise its prices after a steel strike settlement, with the announcement that "increase in labor costs make this necessary"?

### He's Missionary To Land of Youth

Richard Groulx, assistant secretary, Central Labor Council, spoke recently on the history of labor before a gathering of students from various high schools, held at Tech.

Later he received word that 10 students wished to ask permission to attend a CLC meeting, and bring their parents!

Dick Harris, Typographical 36, said he felt Groulx must be a real missionary, spreading the gospel of unionism among the younger generation.



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## OPINIONS

### IF YOU SAY . . .

If you say an employee may be permitted to do something, it turns out that she is made to do it.—Roland Davis, attorney for the S. F. Retail Clerks, at hearing on proposed "emergency" provision in the California Labor Code.

### UNREALISTIC

For the first time since depression days, some railroads have called for a pay cut. They want to slash wages 6½ cents an hour.—The Machinist.

### NEVER!

I have never read an editorial in a daily newspaper urging union organization.—Gordon H. Cole, editor of the Machinist.

### NEEDS HELP

It is not in the best interest of the United States for a company such as Studebaker-Packard to fold. In the interest of the thousands of employees of the company and in preserving competition in the automobile industry, the government is justified in taking action to aid this company in its period of distress.—New Hampshire Labor News.

### MILITANCY

The continuity of employment in the stationary field seems to have the effect of causing a complacent attitude among stationary engineers. The spirit of militancy still exists; it merely has been allowed to become dormant by this attitude. We should stimulate this militancy.—General President William E. Maloney, International Union of Operating Engineers.

### 'SECURITY'

We have moved too far in the direction of attempting total security. Absolute security is undesirable except in total immobility. If our scientists make no discoveries, if our military leaders have no plans, if our political leaders have no policies, we shall have perfect security and futility.

In field after field, our quest for security is defeating our legitimate ends; scientists, universities, the Foreign Service, our governmental career service and research are being choked and stagnated in a mass of investigations, hearings, boards, statistics and court actions which hamper, rather than assist, our proper national purpose. America has never before seen anything like it.—Ex-Senator Harry Cain, testifying before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights June 13, 1956.

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## EDITORIALS

### Respectability and 'Father Figure' Do Damage to Labor

The London Daily Telegraph is a Tory paper, but recently in a featured article it took a shrewd blow at our GOP Tories who run about the country pushing the effigy of General Eisenhower before them.

The English writer contended that the adoration-of-Ike cult is "cutting off the American people from the real issues." The article adds:

"The cult of personality takes very different forms in a democratic state from those that Mr. Krushchev recently denounced. But in its own way national complacency resulting from trust in a father figure can smother constructive criticism quite as surely as the police powers of personal autocracy."

Liberals are not only caught in the high tide of this "trust in a father figure" which casts an aura of sentimentality around General Eisenhower, but they are also caught in the vast wash of political waters in the form of votes cast by new suburbanites for reactionary Republicans. Several studies have shown that as working people get a little more money and move out of the cities into the new suburban areas, they tend to try to attain respectability by voting Republican.

Peter Viereck, writing in the New Leader, comments penetratingly on this tendency. He says:

"The new-suburbans are, for the first time in their lives, less worried about their economic earnings than about their standing in the community. That standing is ambiguous. Their parents were manual laborers, voting Democratic and New Deal. Their sons have left the parental immigrant proletarianism far behind and wear white collars as a matter of course. That rise in the world the sons owe to that same New Deal to which they show ironic ingratitude every time they cheer a Nixon or a Dirksen. Here is a case not of 'twenty years of treason' but of twenty years of rags-to-riches."

Viereck, citing the Jiggs and Maggie cartoon series, implies that the women of our rising labor group moving to the suburbs are especially inclined to be taken in by the passion for attaining social respectability through voting for the party of the big interests. If this is so, it adds force to the insistence of Margaret Thornburgh of the AFLCIO Committee for Political Education that there should be more discussion within families of politics, more done to get the women interested.

In the southern end of Alameda county, where most of our new suburbanites dwell, certainly there have been hopeful signs, brought out clearly in concrete form in votes in Hayward, San Leandro, and other south county areas, that our labor people are not forgetting their fundamental allegiance as they move into better homes.

But if organized labor is to become a wholesome power in politics, there must be great vigilance against those two dangers: "trust in a father figure, the cult of personality; and a misguided passion for respectability rather than reality."

### Victory's Cost in Louisiana

Naturally we're all delighted by the repeal of the vicious "right to work" law in Louisiana. But it should be painfully borne in mind that one factor in the passage of the repeal bill was a companion measure which exempted farm workers from the effect of repeal.

This placated the men from the rural districts, who constituted the majority in the Louisiana Legislature. It also tended to weaken the arguments of the American Sugar Cane League and the Louisiana Free Enterprise Association, which were arguing that the "right to work" measure should be kept on the statute books.

It is doubtless true that the repeal bill couldn't have gone through if that dirty little companion bill hadn't gone through also. But the painful fact must be faced that once more the organized city workers are benefitting while the unorganized or half-organized farm workers are thrown to the wolves.

In the years before the merger, a union which was ultimately thrown out of the CIO on the ground that it was Communist dominated made some progress in organized farm workers. The AFL denounced this union and managed to take over some of the segments of its jurisdiction which were the more easily lined up as dues payers. The people in the farm work that need organization the most and that are the least able to become regular dues payers were turned over to the AFL Agricultural Workers Union, the core of which was originally formed from sharecroppers. But the Agricultural Workers never got much real help from the rest of us far more comfortably established unions with members so much more able to be regular dues payers.

Every sincere member and officer of an established union should ask himself: Is organized labor interested in the welfare of the downtrodden, or is it primarily or merely interested in building up masses of dues payers?

If the answer is that we are interested in the welfare of the downtrodden, then we all should do what we can to help get the agricultural workers organized. We especially owe it to them now that our urban unions have won a victory in Louisiana in this vital war against the "right to work" law—but have won it, leaving the poor agricultural workers out in the cold.

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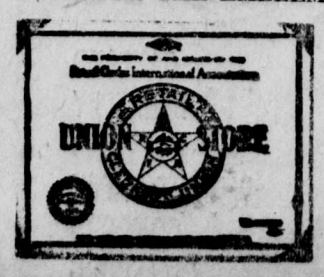
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### It Was Classroom Teachers Who Had To Give the Blood

During the discussion of Oakland teachers' pay a representative of the Oakland Teachers Association (the company union) stated that someone had to give blood in the question of pay increases. So it was the classroom teachers who gave the blood, according to a bulletin of the AFLCIO Oakland Teachers Federation, part of which follows:

Your Federation representatives battled through four long and strenuous sessions in budget hearings of the Board of Education in an effort to give our teachers a better break than they received. Here is the story:

The Board of Education came up with only \$800,000 for salaries, which when spread out for all employees meant a 3½ percent overall increase. Of this, \$427,373 went into teachers' salaries. Your representatives termed the amount of money going into a general increase entirely unsatisfactory.

From the outset it was evident that the Oakland Teacher Association-Administrator group was going to get as much as possible for administrators and those at the top of the salary scale. The Federation maintained throughout the hearings that the only fair way to distribute such a small increase was to grant an across-the-board increase in dollars (not per cent) for each step in the salary schedule. This would have given those at the bottom of the ladder who are in the greatest financial stress at least the same dollar increase as those at the top. The OTA-Principal group did not see it this way at all. They claimed that 3½ per cent for all levels was the only fair method and that unless administrators received the same percentage increase they would feel a lack of faith in them by the Board of Education. This seemed to disturb even some of the more administrator-minded members of the board.

At one point when it was

### UC Is Expanding Its Labor Library

The University of California General Library is now seeking to enlarge its already comprehensive file of western union labor publications, it was announced by Francis Gates of the library staff, says the State Federation Newsletter.

Gates said the main purpose of the present drive is to facilitate special studies of the labor movement and to better enable those now studying at the university to understand the objectives and activities of organized labor.

The collection already includes: 3500 volumes of labor union journals and proceedings; 350 reels of microfilm of union newspapers and proceedings; and 10,000 union labor newspapers.

A section also covers labor union records and correspondence of union officials featuring records that date back to 1878.

Unions interested in assisting the collection effort should contact Gates at the General Library, University of California, Berkeley 4.

pointed out that the OTA proposal would give little to those at the bottom the OTA representative stated that someone had to give blood.

Board members King and Grodin said, in answer to one proposal, that if money can be taken out of equipment it should go to make the teachers' overall increase 4 per cent. However, the board majority, consisting of Directors Munk, Hirschler, Riser and Hoffman favored giving the upper brackets 3½ per cent, instead.

Your Federation representatives pointed out again and again that the same percentage increase on each step does not treat all individuals fairly, but works to the detriment of those at the bottom of the scale. When this goes on year after year with no appreciable overlap between teachers and administrators' salaries it draws teachers away from the classroom where they are most needed.

### Meany Emphasizes Mass Market Need

PHILADELPHIA (AFLCIO).—The U. S. economy cannot long continue high over-all levels of sales, production and employment on the basis of rising capital investment alone, AFLCIO President George Meany warned.

In an evaluation of the economy in the financial section of the Philadelphia Inquirer, he called the present economic picture "mixed," citing high employment generally and large-scale joblessness in some industrial centers, rising capital investment with its forewarning of increased production, and "continuing weakness" in consumer durable goods and home building markets.

The "uncertainty" about the economy's direction, he said, is heightened by the growing distortion between the high rate of capital investment and the weakness in consumption.

"Our economic system is based on mass markets for the sale of an increasing volume of goods and services," Meany explained. "Consumer markets require strengthening if economic growth is to be resumed on a healthy basis."

Such strengthening requires "substantial improvements" in buying power, he maintained.

### How About Asking For a Fulbright?

A chance to go abroad to see how European labor unions work is open to American trade union members under the U. S. Government international educational exchange program. Fulbright grants will give active trade unionists the chance in 1957-58 to visit another country, see how foreign trade unions operate, find out how other people live and think.

Applications for Fulbright awards must be filed by November 1, 1956, for 1957-58 grants. Requests for application forms must be postmarked by October 25, 1956. Application blanks and a folder describing the program are available at the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th street, New York City, and at the Institute's regional offices in Chicago, Denver, Houston, San Francisco and Washington.

### 'Contra Costa Has A Pittsburgh, Too'

Harlan Trott wrote in a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor:

There is really nothing "typical" in a state which Lord Bryce said was not just a state but a country.

California is too big, too diverse and too dynamic to be typed. But if any one region typifies these California adjectives, it is Contra Costa County.

Once a sleepy old grain and grazing country, across the bay from San Francisco as its name implies, Contra Costa's teeming tidal waters are fast resembling the smoking picture that heavy industry has formed along the Delaware from Marcus Hook to Camden.

Big industry is crowding out big farming although Contra Costa is still the largest walnut growing county in California.

Giant power and paper mills, oil, sugar, gypsum, chemicals, and electronics are bringing undreamed-of prosperity up and down Carquinez Strait from Antioch to Richmond on San Pablo Bay.

Contra Costa even has a city called Pittsburgh, with a steel mill, one of the biggest west of the other Pittsburgh.

E. C. (ROY) HALLBECK, legislative director of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, urged a special subcommittee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee to expedite passage of legislation establishing official recognition of postal and federal employees unions.

### Federal Dam Aids All, Says Morse

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO).—A federal Hells Canyon high dam on the Snake River in Oregon would benefit the economy of the entire United States, Sen. Wayne Morse (D. Ore.) asserted on the AFLCIO program, As We See It, heard over the American Broadcasting Co. radio network.

"Businessmen and workers all over the country have a stake in the kind of economic expansion that a high dam at Hells Canyon will make possible," Morse said. "It means a larger market for the products business produces and sells, and it means more jobs not only in the Northwest but throughout the nation."

The Oregon Senator, who has been leading the fight for the high dam instead of the "pigmy" dams that would be built by the Idaho Power Co., pointed out that the high dam means low cost power which would attract industry to the area not influenced by the higher costs under the company dams.

"The high dam would, as a result, mean 'new private enterprise in the Pacific Northwest,'" said Morse.

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